justification, both of the Toronto Asylum and asylums in general: "He must not be taken care of outside of an institution such as this." Palmer's wanting to escape from his attendants only confirms their interest in his welfare, since running away and causing "no want of trouble and anxiety" is how Palmer reacts to "those most interested in his welfare." Palmer's keepers at the asylum must have been very interested, since subsequent records indicate that he eloped almost immediately.

Heading out on August 24, 1882, he got at least as far as Windsor and Detroit. According to a very brief item, cut out of the Globe and pasted onto what appears to have been the hand-written text of a telegram, Palmer was arrested on September 1, 1882 for having seduced "the daughter of a respectable citizen of Windsor." He had taken her across the river to Detroit, made her miss the last boat back, and registered her as his wife at Riche's Hotel. The father was considering prosecuting him for having "ruined" his daughter.

Dr. Lett, who wrote and signed the text of the telegram that was sent to the Chief of Police in Windsor, describes Palmer as bearing a "scar on the globe of the right eye" and wearing a "broad white belt and suit of dark blue clothes." He asks the Chief of Police to notify him if this description matches that of the Palmer arrested in Windsor. A confirmation must have been received only a little later, since a second hand-written note indicates that Dr. Lett telegraphed the Chief of Police that he would send an attendant on the three forty-five train.

Palmer's second "History,"[lxv] dated July 30, 1884, or almost exactly 2 years after his first, differs slightly from it. Besides indicating Palmer's previous residence in the Asylum, the later form describes Palmer's habits somewhat euphemistically as "active." The correspondence from his mother that accompanies the first history suggests that "irregular" is more accurate. His former delusion of having "millions" appears to have been replaced by a delusion that he is to lead an expedition to the North West. Marriage still figures among his propensities, but elaborated (now rather snobbishly) as "a determination to marry unsuitable persons" and with a greater emphasis on "sexual desire." Intemperance appears to have been eliminated from among the "supposed exciting causes" and replaced by "morbid sexual desire."